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SUBJECT: URUGUAY'S INTERNATIONAL POSTAL RATES

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1. US POSTAL SERVICE HAS ADVISED DEPARTMENT THAT EXPLANATION PROVIDED EMBASSY ON NON-APPLICABILITY OF PUAS RATES BETWEEN US AND URUGUAY (REFTEL PARA 5) IS CORRECT. PUAS POSTAL RATE PROVISIONS DO NOT APPLY IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN URUGUAY AND US BECAUSE US HAS TAKEN RESERVATION TO ARTICLE 13, RATES, OF THE PUAS CONVENTION (TIAS 7480). AS A COUNTERMEASURE TO THIS AND ONE OTHER US RESERVATION, URUGUAY AND OTHER PUAS MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE FORMULATED RESERVATIONS OF THEIR OWN, INCLUDING ONE BY URUGUAY THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY, IT SHALL APPLY THE SAME RESTRICTIVE OR EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES ESTABLISHED BY OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE PUAS.

2. CONSEQUENTLY, IN LIEU OF PUAS RATE PROVISIONS, BOTH THE US AND URUGUAY APPLY UPU RATE PROVISIONS IN DETERMINING WHAT POSTAGE RATES TO CHARGE FOR MAIL SENT FROM ONE COUNTRY TO THE OTHER. HOWEVER UPU RATE STRUCTURE IS UNCLASSIFIED

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DESIGNED TO GIVE POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS SOME LATITUDE IN

ESTABLISHING THEIR INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE RATES. THIS
IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN AREA OF INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL

RATES WHERE POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE THE OPTION OF
CALCULATING POSTAGE BY ONE OF TWO DIFFERENT METHODS,
THE AIR SURCHARGE METHOD OR THE COMBINED CHARGES METHOD.
THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT MEMBER POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS
APPLY THE SAME OR EQUIVALENT POSTAGE RATES IN THEIR
RELATIONS WITH ONE ANOTHER. FURTHER EACH ADMINISTRATION
MAY MOVE INDEPENDENTLY TO REDUCE OR INCREASE ITS
INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE RATES WITHIN THE LIMITS FOR SUCH
CHARGES ESTABLISHED BY THE UPU.

3. USPS IS NOT AWARE OF FORMULAE USED BY
URUGUAYAN POSTAL ADMINISTRATION TO DETERMINE MOST RECENT
RATE FOR AIRMAIL TO US. HOWEVER IN OPINION OF USPS,
CHARGE DOES NOT APPEAR EXCESSIVE, PARTICULARLY IN
VIEW OF CHARGE FOR SIMILAR SERVICE LEVIED BY
OTHER POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS. FRANCE FOR EXAMPLE,
CHARGES .55 DOLS TO SEND A 10 GRAM AIRMAIL LETTER TO US. KISSINGER

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